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FEBRUARY REVIEW

Ag producers enjoyed a couple of weeks of early spring weather during the month, allowing them to get a head start on spring chores. Pastures were actively growing. Heavy rainfall early in the month resulted in some minor flooding along major rivers and streams. Christmas tree growers have completed more than 75 percent of this year's planting and were gearing up for herbicide applications in March. Ag producers continued to express concern over high fuel prices and their potential impact on this year's crop production. Hay supplies for livestock remained adequate. Winter wheat emergence has been helped by the warm, wet conditions. The last week of the month had colder winter-like conditions. Wind and freezing conditions caused concern about winter wheat stands but no damage has yet been reported.

Trout: Number of Operations, January 1, 2002-2003

State	Selling Trout		Distributed Trout 1/		Total 2/	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Idaho	30	28	23	24	53	52
Oregon	14	21	37	30	48	51
Washington	14	15	45	48	59	59
U. S. Total	403	378	261	258	637	606

1/ Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, or recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries.

2/ Totals may not be the sum of the types of operations.

Trout: Value of Fish Sold and Distributed, 2001-2002

State	Fish Sold		Eggs Sold		Total Sales 1/		Distributed Trout 2/ 3/	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Thousand Dollars								
Idaho	34,823	30,456	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,794	3,949
Oregon	2,205	801	NA	NA	NA	NA	6,480	4,861
Washington	3,516	5,385	4,755	4,305	8,271	9,690	5,277	5,081
U. S. Total	71,128	65,151	5,113	4,446	76,241	69,597	66,634	60,332

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Fish distributed for restoration or conservation purposes primarily by State and Federal hatcheries.

3/ Distributed trout U. S. totals include eggs sold.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial cattle slaughter during 2002, for the United States, totaled 35.7 million head, up 1 percent from 2001, with federal inspection comprising 98.3 percent of the total. The average liveweight was 1,251 pounds, up 30 pounds from a year ago.

Beef production for the U.S., at 27.2 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from last year. Red meat production in commercial plants and on farms for the United States totaled 47.2 billion pounds in 2002, 3 percent higher than in 2001. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton, excluding farm slaughter.

NUMBER & LIVELWEIGHT OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED BY SPECIES, WASHINGTON, 1998-2002

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Total
Cattle 1/	1,000 Head												
1998	87.3	69.6	72.9	76.3	78.2	85.6	77.1	77.4	76.8	78.9	74.6	70.4	924.9
1999	65.4	67.4	72.2	66.5	67.5	44.2	66.4	82.0	85.5	81.5	83.5	74.4	856.5
2000	82.9	71.5	71.2	65.6	83.3	88.2	80.5	81.1	70.1	73.7	67.9	68.2	904.4
2001	74.4	63.0	68.6	67.1	84.5	86.2	78.7	87.0	62.6	67.0	69.7	68.5	877.3
2002	73.0	60.9	58.7	64.4	71.0	72.6	84.2	81.9	71.6	78.9	68.5	66.8	852.5
Cattle 1/	1,000 Pounds Liveweight												
1998	107,485	85,195	90,297	93,982	95,671	104,533	96,044	98,323	98,060	100,756	94,368	87,792	1,152,506
1999	81,950	84,060	89,400	82,592	83,892	55,231	85,292	105,909	111,019	106,115	105,267	92,928	1,083,655
2000	102,740	89,421	89,650	82,158	101,315	108,349	101,264	103,109	89,067	93,484	85,932	85,398	1,131,888
2001	92,582	77,910	84,012	82,028	103,430	105,745	97,468	109,730	77,993	83,434	88,026	86,246	1,088,605
2002	89,868	72,917	70,687	77,212	85,849	89,672	107,166	103,972	91,461	99,716	87,789	84,696	1,061,005
Commercial Red Meat Production 2/	1,000 Pounds												
1998	65,200	51,400	54,300	56,800	58,100	63,800	59,500	60,900	60,200	61,300	57,000	52,600	701,000
1999	49,200	51,100	54,200	49,900	50,600	32,900	51,800	65,100	67,900	64,600	63,900	56,300	657,500
2000	62,600	54,200	54,100	49,400	61,900	66,600	62,700	64,000	55,300	57,800	52,800	52,500	694,000
2001	57,100	47,900	51,700	50,500	63,600	65,300	60,400	68,300	48,300	51,300	53,700	53,000	671,000
2002	55,100	45,000	43,400	47,300	52,500	55,400	65,900	63,700	55,200	59,600	53,000	51,700	647,900

1/ Includes slaughter in federally inspected and other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Red meat production includes beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton, excluding farm slaughter.

FARM NUMBERS, LAND IN FARMS, & AVERAGE SIZE OF FARMS IN WASHINGTON, 1/

Year	Economic Sales Class			Total
	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,000	\$100,000 and Over	
	Number of Farms			
2000	25,700	7,500	6,800	40,000
2001	24,600	7,500	6,900	39,000
2002	24,600	7,500	6,900	39,000
	Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)			
2000	2,600	2,700	10,400	15,700
2001	2,500	2,700	10,500	15,700
2002	2,500	2,700	10,500	15,700
	Average Size of Farm (Acres)			
2000	101	360	1,529	393
2001	102	360	1,522	403
2002	102	360	1,522	403

There were 39,000 farms in Washington state in 2002, the same as in 2001. The average acres per farm was 403 acres in 2002, and the total acres remained at 15.7 million. There were 24,600 farms with sales between \$1,000 and \$9,999 in 2002, which remained the largest economic sales class of farms. Farms with sales of \$10,000 to \$99,999 followed with 7,500 farms, and 6,900 farms reported sales at \$100,000 and over. The average number of acres for farms in the \$100,000 and over category was 1,522 acres in 2002.

1/ A place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more.

BEES AND HONEY: NUMBER OF COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, & VALUE, 2001-2002 1/

State & Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 2/	Average Price Per Pound 3/	Value of Production
	1,000	Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
California						
2001	425	65	27,625	7,735	69	19,061
2002	440	53	23,320	3,498	129	30,083
Idaho						
2001	100	46	4,600	1,610	67	3,082
2002	100	57	5,700	1,653	135	7,695
Montana						
2001	136	102	13,872	4,578	67	9,294
2002	134	63	8,442	1,097	135	11,397
Oregon						
2001	44	44	1,936	1,200	74	1,433
2002	39	49	1,911	803	128	2,446
Washington						
2001	42	52	2,184	917	72	1,572
2002	44	51	2,244	494	125	2,805
U.S. Total 4/						
2001	2,506	74.0	185,461	64,556	70.4	132,225
2002	2,524	67.8	171,140	39,047	128.6	221,638

1/ For producers with five or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. 2/ Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. 3/ Prices weighted by sales. 4/ Total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

DAIRY PRODUCTION

Products	Unit	Washington			United States		
		Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002 *	Jan. 2003	Jan. 2002	Dec. 2002 *	Jan. 2003
		Thousand					
Butter	Lbs.	9,331	8,967	3/	140,687	127,496	142,446
American Cheese Types: 1/	Lbs.	12,378	13,299	3/	315,166	315,989	319,186
Cheddar Cheese	Lbs.	10,129	10,918	3/	246,156	238,354	247,713
Mozzarella Cheese	Lbs.	3/	3/	3/	231,799	244,968	238,287
Total Cheese 2/	Lbs.	12,538	13,321	3/	705,245	736,886	724,325
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	Lbs.	10,215	15,700	3/	127,175	127,733	133,942
Dry Whey, Human	Lbs.	6,124	8,121	3/	84,573	92,088	89,818
Ice Cream (Hard)	Gal.	1,375	812	1,287	70,004	58,320	67,156
Ice Cream, Lowfat (Hard)	Gal.	3/	3/	3/	8,085	6,703	8,081
Sherbet (Hard)	Gal.	3/	3/	3/	3,796	3,387	4,065

* Revised.

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

2/ Excludes cottage cheese.

3/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (Dollars/Unit)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. Feb. 2003	Entire Month		Prelim. Feb. 2003	U.S. Parity Price
		Feb. 2002	Jan. 2003		Feb. 2002	Jan. 2003		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.35	3.80	3.69	2.83	3.89	3.71	9.63
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.45	4.04	3.90	2.86	4.04	3.93	-
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.32	3.74	3.64	2.75	3.66	3.53	-
Barley	Bu.	2.05	2.63	2.48	2.17	2.85	2.85	6.52
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.93	2.33	2.35	6.59
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.91	2.05	2.02	4.11
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	26.10	16.40	16.30	50.30
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	6.20	6.30	6.30	7.34	6.67	6.53	13.80
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.10	5.75	-	5.28	5.46	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 1/	Tons	125.00	108.00	106.00	91.70	92.90	91.80	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	118.00	103.00	101.00	100.00	97.60	96.40	-
Other Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	148.00	126.00	125.00	71.90	79.60	79.40	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.32
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	.229	.261	.247	.216	.258	.246	.486
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	-	-	-	70.00	73.20	74.60	160.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	73.50	77.80	78.90	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	105.00	96.80	97.60	215.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	1,370.00	-	-	1,370.00	-	-
Broilers	Lbs.	-	-	-	.340	.350	.340	-
Eggs, Table 1/	Doz.	.483	.535	.539	.366	.529	.466	1.58
Milk, All Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	13.10	11.60	11.40	13.10	11.70	11.50	33.40
Hogs	Cwt.	-	-	-	38.50	33.00	34.40	102.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	34.30	41.30	-	78.70
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	67.80	92.00	-	185.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, OR, NY, and WA, and price at point of the first sale for other states.

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.